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Chapter 5. Compliance with the Antideficiency Act

5.1 Overview

5.1.1 The Antideficiency Act (ADA) is one of the major laws through which Congress exercises constitutional control of the public purse. Some of its prohibitions include: making or incurring overobligation or overexpenditure from an appropriation, apportionment, or formal subdivision thereof (i.e., allotment or suballotment, if issued, under NASA Fund Control Regulations); making or incurring expenditures or obligations in advance of an appropriation unless authorized by law; and accepting voluntary services unless authorized by law. Additional restrictions include: only using an appropriation for its intended purpose and, for appropriations made for a definite period (e.g., two-year funds), only using the appropriation for expenses and obligations properly incurred during that time ("bona fide needs" rule). ADA constraints apply to all phases of an appropriation's life cycle.

5.2 Agency Requirements

5.2.1 NASA shall comply with all ADA requirements. NPR 9050.3, "The Antideficiency Act" provides greater detail on ADA and related statutory requirements, as well as the roles and responsibilities of individuals within NASA.

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